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The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: SIG(I) Committee on Intelligence Priorities

SUBJECT: Formulation of New National Intelligence Topics of Current Interest

1. At the 10 August 1983 SIG(I) Committee meeting, the principals in attendance approved a schedule of NIT-associated actions for the next fiscal year. One of the approved actions was the issuance of an early call for inputs to new NITs that would be disseminated as guidance to the Intelligence Community in July 1984. This memorandum issues the call for such inputs and provides some background information concerning the format and content of your submissions. ☐

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2. As last year, I am asking each of the policy elements represented on the Committee to provide me a list of the five most important questions that should be of priority concern to the Intelligence Community during the period October 1984 to October 1985. Once again, each policy element should indicate the time frame in which a response is needed by assigning each question either a Category A (that is, topics requiring a response within a six month period) or Category B (that is, topics warranting a response during the six to 12 months time frame) designator. The questions should be structured as they are in the existing NITs (see Attachment 1, "Format for NIT Questions"). As a backdrop for formulation of new NITs, I am providing at Attachment 2 some Intelligence Community projections of world events and issues that could impact on US national interests over the next fiscal year. ☐

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3. A SIG(I) Committee meeting will be scheduled during the last week of June for review and approval of the consolidated list of NITs to be issued in July. I will greatly appreciate your cooperation and also welcome any ideas you may have on ways for enhancing producer-consumer interaction. Please forward your comments and inputs for the new NITs to ☐ my action officer, by 8 June 1984. He is located in Room 2F21, CIA HQs., and can be reached on ☐

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John N. McMahon

Attachments:
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INTELLIGENCE PRODUCERS COUNCIL

2 APR
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: Chairman, Intelligence Producers Council
SUBJECT: National Intelligence Topics (NITs)

1. Action Requested: Your signature on the attached memorandum requesting inputs for the FY 1985 NITs. ☐

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2. Background: At the 10 August 1983 SIG(I) Committee meeting, principals in attendance approved a schedule of NIT-associated actions for the next fiscal year. One of the approved actions was the issuance of an early call for inputs to new NITs that would be disseminated in July 1984. To initiate that call, the IPC Staff prepared the attached memorandum that requests Committee principals to provide questions for the FY 1985 NITs and specifies the format for submitting their inputs. As a backdrop for the formulation of the new NITs, the attached also provides the principals some Intelligence Community projections of world events and issues that could impact on US national interests. ☐

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3. Recommendation: That you approve for dissemination the attached memorandum to SIG(I) Committee principals. ☐

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Richard J. Kerr

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SUBJECT: New NITs

Attached for the DDCI's signature is the call for inputs to the FY 1985 NITs. As last year, we are asking SIG(I) Committee principals to submit no more than five questions; to structure their inputs according to a prescribed format; and to assign each question either a Category A or Category B designator. This year, we will be providing the principals with Intelligence Community projections of world events and issues to serve as a backdrop for the formulation of new NITs. We are hoping that a consolidated list of the new NITs will be approved by the SIG(I) Committee in June so that the FY 1985 NITs of Current Interest can be published and disseminated during July 1984.

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Chief, IPC Staff

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